



HALLOWEEN RESOURCES

The word Halloween comes from medieval England's All Hallows' Eve. However, many Halloween customs go back to Celtic practices associated with November 1 - the beginning of winter and the Celtic new year. Witches and other evil spirits were believed to roam the earth on this evening, playing tricks on human beings to mark the season of diminishing sunlight. Bonfires were lit, offerings were made of dainty foods and sweets, and people would disguise themselves as one of the roaming spirits, to avoid demonic persecution. Remnants of these early practices can be found in countries of Celtic influence today, such as the United States where children go from door to door in scary costumes demanding "trick or treat."

Websites You May Want to Visit

Halloween Kids: Your Guide to Family-Friendly Sites

<http://www.halloweenkids.com>

Halloween Games, Riddles and Art

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/games/hall.html>

Halloween History, Customs, and Traditions

<http://people.howstuffworks.com/halloween.htm>

Halloween Safety Guide

<http://www.halloween-safety.com>

Books You May Want to Read (Hint: go to the TEL Database, **What Do I Read Next** and choose to do a Custom Search. Under Subject, choose Halloween and then hit Search.)

Easy Halloween Costumes for Children by Leila Albala

Easy to make costumes that will appeal to parents and children.

Witches, Pumpkins, and Grinning Ghosts: The Story of Halloween Symbols by Edna Barth

Explains the origins and relates stories associated with familiar Halloween symbols.

Things to Make and Do for Halloween by Gail Gibbons

A collection of Halloween games and jokes as well as instructions on how to make costumes, party foods, makeup, and puppets.

Creepy Cuisine by Lucy Monroe

A collection of creepy but tasty recipes, including Party Pig Snouts, Bleeding Gums Gumbo, and Gangrene Scrambled Legs.

Costumes for You to Make by Susan Gold Purdy

Instructions for making costumes of various countries and historical periods as well as miscellaneous costumes such as a computer, a totem pole, and a school bus.



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The Make Up Book by T. William Smith and Michael Carrington

Step-by-step instructions for creating clowns, werewolves, zombies, witches, vampires, and more.

Skeleton Bones & Goblin Groans: Poems for Halloween by Amy E Sklansky

An illustrated collection of short poems about witches, werewolves, broomsticks, and other signs of Halloween.

To Find More Halloween Information

In TEL, go to **Kids InfoBits** or **Junior Edition - K12** and use the following search terms:

Halloween

Witches

Ghosts

Werewolves

Vampires

Halloween Customs

Costumes

Halloween Decorations